

### **ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE:**

The Restriction Requirement alleges that the subject Application contains claims directed to the following two Groups of related inventions (30 August 2006 Office Action, Page 2):

- Group I. Claims 1-5 and 16-19 drawn to a method for evaluating a product based on the sum of component values, classified in class 705, subclass 10.
- Group II. Claims 6-15 drawn to a method of pricing an order for a product based on varying lead times during a specified time period, classified in class 705, subclass 26.

The Applicant elects, with traverse, to pursue Group I. Group I is directed to a method for evaluating a product based on the sum of component values. The Applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing election is not acquiescence in the propriety of the restriction or in the accuracy in the determination and/or identification of the alleged "related inventions" in the subject Application. The Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement as set forth below, as the Requirement is improper.

The Applicants elect, with traverse to pursue Claims 1-5 and 16-19. The Applicants reiterate that the foregoing election is not an acquiescence in the propriety of the restriction or in the accuracy in the determination and/or identification of an alleged "species" in the subject Application. The Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement as set forth below, as the Requirement is improper.



**REMARKS:**

The Applicant hereby elects Group I and Claims 1-5 and 16-19, which are further directed to a computer-implemented method of valuing products and valuation software for valuing manufactured products with traverse, in accordance with the applicable Rules of Practice and to advance the prosecution of the subject Application.

In addition, the Applicant respectfully submits that the Restriction Requirement is improper. Accordingly, in traverse, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement for at least the reasons set forth above. Because the Applicant has elected an alleged Group and set forth the claims directed to that Group, as set forth by the Examiner, this response is complete. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned, Steven J. Laureanti, at (817) 447-9955 with any questions, comments, or suggestions relating to the subject Application.



**CONCLUSION:**

In view of the foregoing election with traverse and remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Although Applicant believes no fees are deemed to be necessary; the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayments, to **Deposit Account No. 500777**.

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Respectfully submitted,

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